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Olympic terrorist plot reported

TORONTO (UPI) — U.S. military and CIA sources uncovered a terrorist plot that would create "six weeks of terror" throughout the world and force cancellation of the Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, The Toronto Sun reported Sunday.

The Sun reported sources said terrorists backed by North Korea have targeted such airlines as TWA, British Airways, Air France and Air Canada and plan to attack their aircraft and facilities throughout the world.

The proposed campaign focuses on New York, London, Paris, Tokyo, Toronto and Hong Kong, where a series of bombs were to be set off in June to discourage passengers from attending the games, the newspaper said. The terrorists also want "Japanese Red Army snipers, hijackers and bombers" to infiltrate Seoul via Hong Kong before the Sept. 17 opening of the Olympics, the Sun said.

The report quoted an unidentified CIA source as saying if the bombings did not discourage travelers from attending the games, "there could be more killing that would dwarf the 1972 incident when ... Israelis were killed by terrorists at the Olympics."

On Sept. 5, 1972, Arab terrorists invaded the Israeli dormitory at the Munich Olympics, killing several Israeli athletes and taking hostages. Later, at Furstenfeldbruck airport, West German police opened fire. A total of 11 athletes, five terrorists and a policeman were killed in the incident.

The Sun said the mastermind of the proposed campaign is Kim Jong Il, the son of North Korea's leader, Kim Il Sung.

A senior CIA officer said the plan is based on "North Korea's insane jealousy of the world focus on their arch rival and fear of economic destruction at the hands of the South Korean government," the Sun said.

The CIA in Washington had no comment Sunday on the report.

Paul Breuner, the U.S. State Department ambassador for counterterrorism, told the newspaper more than 5,000 terrorists from the Japanese Red Army, the Palestine Liberation Organization, Libya, Lebanon and others were trained in North Korea, where Sung is regarded as one of the most ruthless sponsors of international terrorism.

Japanese police arrested a convicted terrorist two weeks ago and linked the man's visits to North Korea to a planned series of "frightening incidents" scheduled to erupt in the next two months, the Sun said.

Last November, North Korean agents blew up a South Korean jetliner, killing 115, and one attacker said the move was part of a plan to frighten those planning to visit South Korea for the Summer Olympics, the Sun said.

Rear Adm. William Pendley, second in command of U.S. forces in Korea, told the Sun, "There is no doubt that North Korea is desperately

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trying to frighten away Olympic participants and fans, and American forces are ready to do whatever is necessary to ensure a safe Olympic Games."

About 39,000 U.S. troops in South Korea were placed on "quiet alert" after discovery of the plot and in the wake of recent demonstrations in Seoul, the report said.

The CIA is working with a ranking Red Army terrorist turned informant who has described Kim Jong Il's plot, the Sun said, and U.S. intelligence agents and Japanese police officials have been tracing accomplices of Red Army men recently arrested in New York and Tokyo.

The common denominator seems to be training in North Korea and use of the Red Army as a shell for terrorist activities around the world," an unnamed New York police official was quoted as saying.

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